Most of the vacancies upto Group 'C' are filled up by Direct Recruitment through Staff Selection Commission, Employment Exchange, etc. Such Direct Recruitment action has been vested in zonal offices|Stations to expedite matters.

In Group 'A' and 'B the vacancies are filled up through Union Public Service Commission either by the Direct Recruitment method or the Departmental Promotion Committee method. Except in cases, where some High Courts have passed stay orders in respect of promotions due to alleged defects in the seniority list, in the other cases, the requisition for Direct Recruitment or Departmental Promotion Committee proposals have been made to the Union Public Service Commission. The selection|Departmental Promotion Committee processes would take some time though efforts are continuously made to expedite matters.

New varieties of high yielding vegetables by IIHR, Bangalore

810. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new varieties of high yielding vegetables released by the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration of establishing similar institutes in other states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Eleven new varieties were released by the Institute through the State Variety Evaluation Committee of Karnataka during 1984-85 and none in 1985-86.

These include 3 varieties of onion namely Arka Kalyan, Arka Niketan and Arka Pragati; 3 of Capsicum namely Arka Mohini, Arka Gaurav and Arka Basant; 2 of tomato namely Arka Saurabh and Arka Vikas and one each in bottle-gourd (Arka Bahar), longmelon (Arka Sheetal) and frenchbean (Arka Komal).

(c) Yes, Sir. One Institute namely Central Institute of Horiticulture for Northern Plains has already been established at Rehmankhera, near Lucknow (U.P.). Opening of another Institute namely Central Institute for Temparate Horticulture is uder consideration in the Seventh Plan.

Construction of Rajghat Masonry Dam

811. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the date by which the tenders for the construction of Rajghat Masonry Dam Block No. 25 and 26 under the Betwa River Board were called;

(b) what are the names of the con-tractors who submitted the tenders and the person who has been awarded the contract;

(c) whether it is a fact that the person who has been awarded the contract, has not participated in the tenders;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any representation has been received for awarding the contract to the lowest tenderer; and

(f) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 31-10-1985.

(b) (i) M|S. R. S. Sharma & Co.,

(ii) M|S. Arvind Construction Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad.